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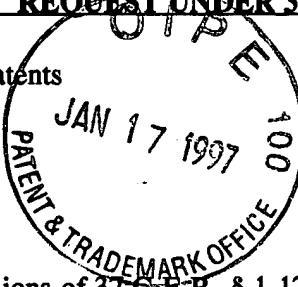
In Re Application of)
PAUL A. LUCIW, ET AL.) Group Art Unit 1815 #24
Serial No. 08/089,407) Examiner: M. Woodward N.G.J.
Filed: July 8, 1993) Atty. Docket No. 0035.009
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For: HIV IMMUNOASSAYS USING SYNTHETIC
ENVELOPE POLYPEPTIDES (AS AMENDED)

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
REQUEST UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.129**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:



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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.129, Applicants hereby request that the finality of the Office Action of January 23, 1996 in the subject application be withdrawn. The parent applications of the subject application were pending for over 2 years prior to June 8, 1995.

Applicant also petitions for a four-month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief so that the time for response will be extended to January 19, 1997.

A check for \$1,470.00 for a four month extension of time and \$770.00 for the request under 37 C.F.R. §1.129 is attached. It is believed that there are no additional charges for this request, however, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account no. 19-0733 if needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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